

***REMARKS/ARGUMENTS***

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

The Office has required election of one invention under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a device.

Group II: Claims 6-14, drawn to a device comprising a housing.

Group III: Claims 15-19, drawn to a device having a sample pad with a width greater than the width of the detector pad.

Group IV: Claims 20-35, drawn to a device having a sample delivery means comprising delivery channel.

Group V: Claims 36-40, drawn to a device with a sample injection means.

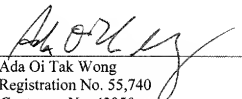
In response thereto, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-5) for initial examination without prejudice and expressly reserve the right to prosecute other non-elected claims at a later stage. Claims 1-2 have been amended to improve the technical clarity thereof. Claims 3-5 have been canceled herein and substituted by corresponding new claims 41-44. Claim 45, being directed to an embodiment of the elected invention, has also been added and is presented herein for consideration together with same.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1490.

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